



Liberty Science Center is excited to host its inaugural FIRST® LEGO® League Competition. This document should answer most questions teams might have about the upcoming event.



### **Admission Policy**

On December 3, 2011 Liberty Science Center(LSC) will be operating as normal with the added bonus of the FLL Qualifying event. This event will be open to the public. Every person participating in the event will be required to have a ticket along with a wrist band. Each team will be given up to 20 tickets for team members and essential personal. Any additional people attending the event will be required to purchase a ticket at the box office upon arrival. Our normal Exhibition tickets are \$15.75. We are happy to offer a \$3.00 discount for any guest attending to support FIRST. In order to get the discount, please use coupon code **D022**.

### **Parking**

Parking is \$7.00 for each car and \$10.00 for each bus. The parking lot is owned by the State of New Jersey and is operated by Central Parking. Fees collected go towards the greening of the park. Please note that LSC does not control the operation of the lot nor do we receive any of the revenue.

### **Directions/Location**

Liberty Science Center's address is:

**Liberty State Park  
222 Jersey City Blvd  
Jersey City, NJ 07305**

Directions are available on our website at LSC.org. Click the "Plan Your Visit" link at the top of the screen.

### **Registration**

Registration will begin at 7:30 am and will end promptly at 8:30 am. Please be on time. Upon arrival you will be asked to provide four copies of the team information form and a signed copy of the consent form for each student and adult. Invoices will be sent to each of you for the \$50.00 registration fee.

### **Security**

Every guest who visits the Science Center is subject to a security screening upon entering the building. Please use discretion when determining what to bring to the event. If you have any questions about what is acceptable to bring feel free to contact Stuart Neal at [sneal@lcs.org](mailto:sneal@lcs.org)

## **Schedule**

7:30 am - 8:30 am: Registration  
8:30 am - 9:00 am: Team Preparation  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm: Judging sessions – Project, Robot and Core Values  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm: Practice Rounds – 15 minutes per team  
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm: Lunch  
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm: Coaches Meeting  
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm: Opening Ceremony  
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm: Robot Performance  
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Closing Ceremony/Awards presentation

This is an outline of the schedule and it is subject to change. A complete schedule will be given to each team upon arrival the day of the event.

## **Judging**

Teams will be given a schedule of their judging times and official rounds when they arrive. Each team will have five minutes to present and five minutes of question and answer time with the judges. Each judging room is equipped with a computer and projector. For the project judging, timing will begin when your team enters the room. So be mindful of your setup time. When possible, have the team members set up, rather than an adult. Parents/mentors will **not** be allowed in the judging room. **One** parent/mentor will be allowed in the room to videotape the judging session, however, there can be no interaction with the team. Adults which violate this rule will cause their team to be disqualified from the judged awards.

## **Awards**

This year's Awards are: Champions, Robot Design, Robot Performance, Core Values, Project Research, Judges' Awards and Rookie award. Please note that the qualification process has changed this year. Qualifier advancement policy is based on Champion's Award criteria. Champion criteria requires that the team scores in the top 40% in all three judged areas and received a Robot Performance score in the top 40% of official Robot rounds. Therefore, it is possible that a team may receive a First Place Core Award but not advance to Championship based on Robot Performance score below the top 40% of teams at the event. Or, a team may win First Place in Robot Performance but not advance to Championship due to not having performed well in one or more of the three judged areas.

## **What to bring**

Power strip and Extension cord.  
Four copies of the team information sheet  
Signed copy of consent form for each participant  
Decorations for pit area (if applicable) – No helium balloons are permitted  
Please make sure to label any items that you bring.